

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 274, as Amended**
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TO:	The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Day Reporting Centers for Probation, Parole and Pardon Services		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 274, as amended, amends Chapter 21, Title 24 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 13 which would allow the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services to establish day reporting centers for certain inmates or offenders.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services (PP&P)

Cost estimates are based on one center to be used as a model for the pilot program. The day reporting center would have programming similar to the Community Control Centers currently operated by PP&P, but without the requirement for bed space. Cost associated with one center are estimated at \$333,813 the first year and 313,401 annually thereafter. This estimate includes two additional Offender Intervention Counselors, as well as securing additional office space for educational and counseling programs. This also assumes PP&P would provide transportation to and from the center for each inmate and offender.

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates this Bill will have a savings on the General Fund of the State, but is unable to determine the reduction in inmate population which would generate this savings. The Department of Corrections estimates variable cost at \$3,200 per inmate. Cost savings at the Department may or may not be enough to offset the additional cost at PP&P.

SPECIAL NOTES:

PP&P anticipates collecting a nominal fee from the offenders for transportation to and from the day reporting center. The Department currently collects such a fee for its Restitution Center operations. The Department estimates transportation revenues at approximately \$90,000 annually. If PP&P is able to collect this revenue the net cost to the General Fund of the State would be \$243,813 the first year and \$223,401 annually thereafter.

Approved by:



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